

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Complete Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A fluid heating device, comprising:  
  
a case member; and  
  
a heating element accommodated in the said case member,  
  
a flow path being formed between an outer surface of said heating element and an inner surface of said case member, and further comprising  
  
a turbulent flow generation mechanism comprising a part that is vibratable to generate a ~~that generates~~ turbulent flow in at least a part of said flow path.
  
2. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein  
  
said turbulent flow generation mechanism is provided in a portion where the speed of a fluid circulated in said flow path is reduced.
  
3. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein  
  
said turbulent flow generation mechanism is provided on ~~the~~ a downstream side of said flow path.
  
4. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein  
  
said turbulent flow generation mechanism is intermittently provided in said flow path.

5. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein said turbulent flow generation mechanism is provided on ~~the~~ an upstream side of said flow path.

6. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein said heating element ~~has~~ comprises a stick shape having a circular or an elliptical cross section.

7. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 6, wherein said turbulent flow generation mechanism comprises a spiral member wound around an outer peripheral surface of said heating element.

8. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 7, wherein said spiral member is composed of a spiral spring.

9. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 7, wherein said case member ~~has~~ comprises a cylindrical fluid inlet and a cylindrical fluid outlet that are provided parallel to the direction in which said spiral member is wound.

10. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 6, wherein said case member ~~has~~ comprises a fluid inlet and a fluid outlet, and at least one of said fluid inlet and said fluid outlet is provided at a position eccentric from the center axis of said heating element such that a fluid flows in ~~in~~ a

direction along the outer peripheral surface of said heating element or flows out in the direction along the outer peripheral surface of said heating element.

11. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein said heating element has a maximum calorific value of not less than approximately 1.5 kW nor more than approximately 2.5 kW.

12. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein said heating element ~~has such a performance~~ is configured so that the maximum gradient of the temperature rise speed of a fluid is not less than approximately 10 K per second.

13. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein said heating element comprises a sheathed heater.

14. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 13, wherein said sheathed heater has a maximum watt density of not less than approximately 30 W/cm<sup>2</sup> nor more than 50 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.

15. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, wherein said heating element comprises a ceramic heater.

16. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a temperature detector that detects the temperature of said heating element[[,]]; and

a control device that controls the supply of power to said heating element on the basis of the temperature detected by said temperature detector.

17. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 16, further comprising:

a heat sensitive plate ~~having comprising~~ a portion ~~provided so as configured~~ to come into contact with said heating element and ~~to project projecting toward the an~~ outside of said case member,

said temperature detector being provided outside said case member and detecting the temperature of said heating element through said heat sensitive plate.

18. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said heating element ~~has~~ comprises a heating portion and a non-heating portion, and

said heat sensitive plate is ~~provided so as configured~~ to come into contact with the non-heating portion in said heating element.

19. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said case member ~~has~~ comprises said fluid inlet and said fluid outlet, and

said heat sensitive plate is ~~provided~~ configured so as to come into contact with said heating element in ~~the~~ a vicinity of the fluid outlet of said case member.

20. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said heat sensitive plate is joined to said heating element.

21. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said heat sensitive plate is brazed to said heating element.

22. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said heat sensitive plate ~~has~~ comprises a leakage preventing function for preventing leakage of a fluid within said case member.

23. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said heat sensitive plate is composed of a metal.

24. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said heat sensitive plate is composed of a copper plate.

25. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 17, wherein said heat sensitive plate is formed in a substantially L shape.

26. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a heat transfer member ~~having~~ comprising a portion ~~provided so as~~ configured to come into contact with ~~the~~ a fluid in said flow path and to project ~~projecting~~ toward the outside of said case member, and

a heat generating electronic component provided in a portion of said heat transfer member projecting toward the outside of said case member for supplying power to said heating element.

27. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 26, wherein said case member ~~has~~ comprises said fluid inlet and said fluid outlet, and said heat transfer member is ~~provided so as~~ configured to come into contact with said fluid in the vicinity of the fluid inlet of said case member.

28. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 26, wherein said heat transfer member ~~has~~ performs a leakage preventing function for preventing leakage of a fluid within said case member.

29. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 26, wherein said heat transfer member is composed of a metal.

30. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 26, wherein said heat transfer member is composed of a copper plate.

31. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 26, wherein said heat transfer member is formed in a substantially L shape.

32. (Currently amended) A ~~The fluid heating device according to claim 1,~~  
~~wherein comprising:~~  
a case member; and  
a heating element accommodated in said case member,  
a flow path being formed between an outer surface of said heating element and an  
inner surface of said case member, and further comprising  
a turbulent flow generation mechanism that generates turbulent flow in at least a  
part of said flow path, wherein  
said case member comprises a plurality of case member parts,  
said heating element comprises a plurality of heating element parts respectively  
accommodated in said plurality of case member parts,  
a flow path is formed between an inner surface of each of the case member parts  
and an outer surface of each of the heating element parts, and  
said turbulent flow generation mechanism further comprises a plurality of  
turbulent flow generation mechanism parts ~~for generating~~ that generate turbulent flow in  
at least a part of each of said plurality of flow paths.

33. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 32, wherein  
each of the plurality of case member parts ~~has~~ comprises a fluid inlet and a fluid  
outlet, and

the fluid outlet of one of the case member parts is formed such that it can be fitted in the fluid inlet of the other case member part.

34. (Currently amended) The fluid heating device according to claim 32, wherein each of the plurality of case member parts ~~has~~ comprises a fluid inlet and a fluid outlet, ~~and the fluid heating device~~ further comprising:

a connection member ~~for connecting~~ configured to connect the fluid outlet of one of said case member parts ~~and to~~ the fluid inlet of ~~said~~ an other of said case member part.

35. (Original) The fluid heating device according to claim 32, wherein said plurality of case member parts have the same shape.

36. (Currently amended) A washing apparatus that sprays a fluid supplied from a water supply source to a portion to be washed of the human body, comprising:

a fluid heating device that heats the fluid supplied from said water supply source while causing the fluid to flow; and

a spray device that sprays the fluid heated by said fluid heating device to said human body,

said fluid heating device comprising:

a case member, and

a heating element accommodated in said case member,

a flow path being formed between an outer surface of said heating element and an inner surface of said case member, and further comprising



a turbulent flow generation mechanism comprising a part that is vibratable to generate a ~~that generates~~ turbulent flow in at least a part of said flow path.

37. (Currently amended) A washing apparatus that washes clothes using a fluid supplied from a water supply source, comprising:

a washing tub;

a fluid heating device that heats the fluid supplied from said water supply source while causing the fluid to flow; and

a supply device that supplies to the washing tub the fluid heated by said fluid heating device,

said fluid heating device comprising:

a case member, and

a heating element accommodated in said case member,

a flow path being formed between an outer surface of said heating element and an inner surface of said case member, and further comprising

a turbulent flow generation mechanism comprising a part that is vibratable to generate a ~~that generates~~ turbulent flow in at least a part of said flow path.